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The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
The Honorable Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

We write to support the Comments of Brattleboro Community Television, Inc. (File ID 1113560010350) and to disapprove of the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC’s September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in *Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992*, MB Docket 05-311.

I am the host and producer of The World Fusion Show, which we produce at BCTV. The show features interviews, video clips and live in the studio playing with World Fusion composers and musicians. We debuted in July 2017 and release a new episode every 2 weeks. The World Fusion Show has had astonishing success and is now being shown on 83 public access TV stations in 21 states. We are able to spread the culture of non-pop music countrywide because of the free access that we have to BCTV and their equipment and assistance. They are an amazing group of people – dedicated to creating a voice for the local community. Please make sure that they can keep doing their very important work.

This local presence enables the residents of Brattleboro, VT to create and watch uniquely local programming about their community and local events and issues of interest to them. And that was the intent of the PEG provisions of the 1984 Cable Act – to enhance local voices, serve local community needs and interests, and strengthen our local democracy. By defining “franchise fee” in an overly broad fashion to include “in-kind” support, the FCC’s proposals will shift the fair

balance between cable franchising authorities and cable operators – something that was never the intent of the Act – and could ultimately result in such reduction in franchise fees as to defund PEG Access in our state.

We appreciate your consideration and hope you will protect PEG Access in our community and others by choosing not to adopt many of the proposals in the Further Notice.

Sincerely,

Derrik Jordan

Host and producer of The World Fusion Show